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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Charlie Melancon announced today his request had been granted to serve on three influential subcommittees of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Melancon obtained seats on the Consumer, Trade and Consumer Protection; Energy and Air Quality; and Oversight and Investigations Subcommittees for the 110th Congress.

"I am pleased Louisiana will be able to influence our nation's trade, commerce, tourism and energy policies, among other areas of jurisdiction, through my seat on these subcommittees," Rep. Melancon said. "Louisiana plays a vital role in America's domestic energy production and international trade, and these assignments recognize our contributions."

The Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection has jurisdiction over interstate and foreign commerce, including all trade matters within the jurisdiction of the full committee; regulation of commercial practices (the FTC), including sports-related matters; consumer affairs and consumer protection, including privacy matters generally; consumer product safety (the CPSC); product liability; and motor vehicle safety; regulation of travel, tourism, and time; and homeland security-related aspects of the foregoing, including cybersecurity.

The Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality has jurisdiction over national energy policy; fossil energy, renewable energy resources and synthetic fuels; energy conservation; energy information; energy regulation and utilization; utility issues and regulation of nuclear facilities; interstate energy compacts; nuclear energy and waste; the Clean Air Act; all laws, programs, and government activities affecting such matters; and, homeland security-related aspects of the foregoing.

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations has jurisdiction over and responsibility for the oversight of agencies, departments, and programs within the jurisdiction of the full committee, and for conducting investigations within such jurisdiction.

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